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To: ACT list
Subject: WI Statewide High School Assessments Updates

Dear educators,
Welcome to the first biweekly email update for the ACT high school assessments.

Please bookmark the following links:

Resource Pages:

DPI High School Assessments Webpage

<http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act>

Wisconsin ACT State Testing website

<http://www.act.org/stateanddistrict/wisconsin>

Aspire Avocet (Resource Index) Page

(Will be updated for 2017 after the new year)

<http://avocet.pearson.com/WisconsinACTAspire/Home>

ACT and WorkKeys (11th grade) Test Administration Systems:

PearsonAccess^{Next} (PANext) for managing school testing staff contacts, confirming school participation, and managing student information

<https://testadmin.act.org>

Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) System – for requesting ACT approval for accommodations

<https://readiness.act.org/ccr/app/home>

ACT Aspire Early High School (9th and 10th grade) Test Administration System:

Aspire portal

<https://www.actaspire.org/>

Test administration action items for DACs and Test Coordinators:

Assessment	Task	Deadline
ACT with writing & WorkKeys	Manage schools' participation in PearsonAccess^{Next} Make sure to manage contacts and participation under both the ACT and WorkKeys Refer to the System Basics document for how to navigate between the administrations.	Dec 16
	Enter accommodations requests in the TAA system	Jan 20
	Register here for ACT Test Administration #1, Jan 12, 10am	Jan 10
	Register here for ACT Test Administration #2, Feb 2, 10am	Jan 31

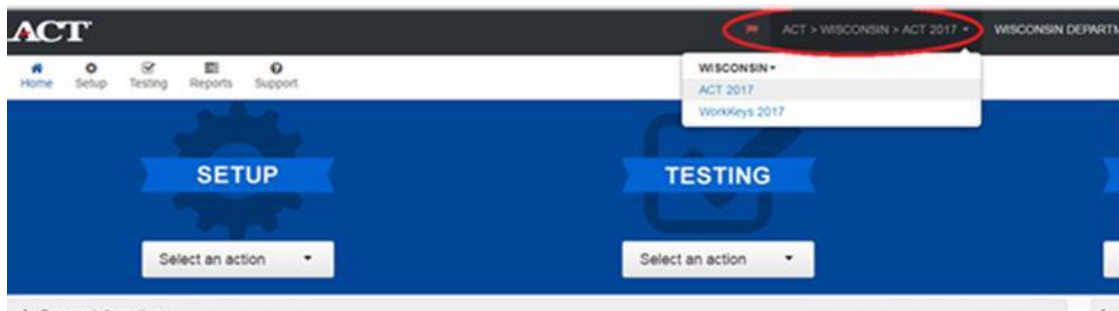
Aspire Early High School	Remove individuals' access to Aspire portal who no longer need access for your school or district. Log into Aspire portal Click on "Organizations" then "Organization Members" Click the icon with a small "x" to remove the individual from your school or district tenant	Ongoing
	Save the date for Aspire training webinars: Feb 22, 2pm - Aspire Technology Readiness Mar 30, 10am - Aspire Test Administration	--

Policy on selecting ACT test coordinators and other testing staff:

- Per ACT State and District Testing Policies and Procedures, individuals who have a relative or ward (children, stepchildren, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, siblings, in-laws, spouses, other persons under your guardianship) taking the ACT as an 11th grader during statewide testing at any school in the state **cannot** serve as the test coordinator or back up test coordinator.
- More details and guidance on selecting testing staff can be found on pages 8-10 in the [2015-16 Test Administration Manual](#).
- ACT does not expect changes to this section of the manual for 2016-17, which will be published and posted in December and mailed to schools and districts in January.

Accessing PearsonAccess^{Next} :

- If changes need to be made to test coordinator contact information, DACs need to login and make the changes.
- ACT has sent an email to all DACs and test coordinators on file with instructions on how to access the system.
- [System Basics](#) and [Managing Participation](#) guides provide detailed instructions on using PearsonAccess^{Next}
- TIP: Make sure to manage contacts and participation under both the ACT and WorkKeys administrations. To navigate between the two, use the small down arrow on the area of the PearsonAccess^{Next} main page circled in red in the screen shot below.



2017 Wisconsin ACT State Organization Conference

- **Blue Harbor Resort & Conference Center on Thursday, February 16, 2017**
- Based on the theme, “*Guide Their Journey... Change, Challenge, Opportunity,*” the event will feature breakout sessions on preparing students for success for both college and career
- Registration is now open. Register [here](#)

Condition of STEM Report released

- ACT has released the national [2016 Condition of STEM report](#)
- The 2016 Condition of STEM report for [Wisconsin](#) has also been publicly released

Best,
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Wisconsin high school principals, district assessment coordinators, and ACT test coordinators received this email. The actwisconsin listserv used in previous years has been retired.